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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Confirmation Number: 9148

MULKENS ET AL.

Application No.: 10/719,065

Group Art Unit: 2851

Filed: November 24, 2003

Examiner: Peter B. Kim

Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND  
DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

October 31, 2007

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2007 stating that the Amendment filed August 6, 2007 ("Amendment") was not fully responsive to the outstanding obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicant hereby submits a full response to the merits and propriety of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection was made in the Amendment.

On page 19 of the Amendment, the merits of the obviousness double-patenting rejection were addressed and traversed, including arguments incorporated from a previous response. Further, relying on well-established practice in the MPEP, Applicant offered that if the present claims are otherwise allowable, but for the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicant would consider filing a terminal disclaimer.

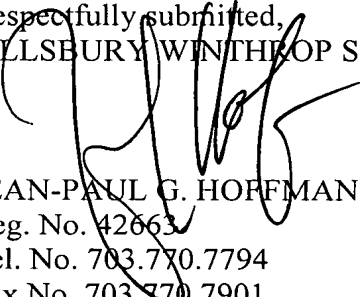
As per a telephonic discussion the undersigned had with the examiner of this application, Examiner Kim, the Amendment dated August 6, 2007 is noted as being responsive and that examination will continue.

To ensure completeness, Applicant hereby incorporates by reference in their entirety Applicant's previous responses addressing the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and any other rejections and/or objections.

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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